

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

Congratulations on your appointment to Chair the FCC. In your new leadership role, I urge you to support the "Fair Share Plan" as a solution to current concerns with the Universal Service Fund (USF). The Fair Share Plan will keep the USF fair, ensuring that consumers like me do not pay the same rate into the USF as big businesses, regardless of how little I may use long distance.

The Keep USF Fair Coalition submitted the Fair Share Plan to the FCC on January 31, 2005. It expands who pays into the USF so that other technologies - not just phones - pay into the system. The Fair Share Plan collects the USF using a combination numbers- and revenue-based plan. This keeps the system fair, equitable and non-discriminatory.

Under the flat fee or numbers-based plan you are considering, people like me who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. I believe it would be unfair to charge low-volume and residential customers the same fees as high-volume residential or business customers.

This is one more way in which government joins with business in eroding the meager earnings of ordinary Americans. When you come right down to it, there is nothing of lasting value in a telephone call. Yet, with added costs, it takes increasingly significant bites out of ordinary working Americans' earned dollar.

What's more, I am definitely not a high paid worker, but must travel quite frequently for my job, and to visit an aging parent. Such trips are early in the morning, late at night, and in snow, sleet, and rain. The availability of the cell phone lets business associates and family members alike know my location and estimated time of arrival. Further, I have the peace of mind of calling for a tow if I'm in a ditch somewhere. This phone is not a "luxury," but a basic tool of business.

I urge you to keep the USF fair, just, affordable for ordinary citizens, and adopt the Fair Share Plan. Thank you, and best of luck in your new position.

cc: Marlene Dortch, Secretary

Sincerely,

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